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In.re Application of:

TAKASHI KATO ET AL.

Application No.: 09/362,698

Filed: July 29, 1999

For: OPTICAL SYSTEM AND OPTICAL
INSTRUMENT WITH DIFFRACTIVE
OPTICAL ELEMENT

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.